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PROPAGATION: Jan 17, Below Normal; Jan 18, 19, Disturbed; Jan 20, Low Normal; Jan 21-27, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
167	171	1/5	160	9	2
165	173	1/6	170	5	0
174	178	1/7	169	6	1
175	162	1/8	165	7	2
173	170	1/9	155	15	3
170	151	1/10	149	16	2
166	141	1/11	144	11	4

## HEARD ISLAND

As this issue goes to press (Jan 13) rumors are flying that the HIXA (Jim Smith) expedition, which left Tasmania Jan 3, had to turn back on Jan 6. Three possible reasons are given for scuttling the trip...failure of navigation equipment, improper credentialing of the captain and first mate, and ship mechanical troubles. However, all this is merely conjecture. If the rumors are untrue, look for VKØJS, and VKØNL, to come on just about now, Jan 17.

The other expedition to Heard, VKØHI, is reported proceeding smoothly, and they expect to be on the air also about Jan 17. That operation will last at least several weeks.

Low Band Conditions have been nothing short of phenomenal, as this week's Bandpass will attest. 80 Meters in particular has been quite good, with long path openings occurring several weeks later in the season than is normal. A reminder that the CQ 160 Meter CW Contest is Jan 28-30, and new scoring rules allow two points for contacting your own country, five points for other countries in your continent, and ten points for contacts outside your continent. Complete rules are in January CQ Magazine.

Connecticut Hams: an organizational meeting of the new Connecticut DX Association will take place Wed, Jan 19, in beautiful downtown Andover, at the home of WB1EAZ. Get details and directions by phoning TDXB at 871-7699.

South Atlantic Islands: see the Calendar for information on operations from Antarctica, South Shetlands, and South Orkneys, over the next month or so.

Tom Gregory, N4NW, with the Department of State in Accra, Ghana, aimed for Guinea-Bissau, J5, on Jan 12/13, then N4NW/6W Senegal, on the 14th and 15th, followed by two more weeks in Togo, Jan 15-24, as either 5V7HL of 5V7NW. QSL all tom's operations to AK3F. N4NW continues trying to open doors to operate from several countries in the area which have not been heard of in some time.

Steve Gecewicz, KØCS, is back with a report on his Operation Insomnia. He made 3,000 contacts, including 900 on 75 Meters, from the following: FOØQA Fr. Polynesia, ZK1XS S. Cooks, 5W1EA Western Samoa, A35ZZ Tonga, and KØCS/KH8 American Samoa. Best 80 Meter conditions were Dec 29 from Tonga, and worst were during the ZK1XS stint (only ninety contacts). Steve used an FR101ZD, dipoles, and an MLA-2500 on American Samoa. QSL all to KØCS.

Rusty Epps, W6OAT, says he had a blast during the recent 9N38 operation, which was conceived by WB4NFO as part of the national celebration of the 38th birthday of the King of Nepal. Rusty, along with WB4NFO, WA6YOU, K7AW, J11VLV, and J11RFT, made about 5,000 contacts half-and-half CW and SSB, and some on 40/80 Meters, although noise levels were generally prohibitive. This operation was a follow-up to WB4NFO's 9N33 five years ago, and there is already talk of a 9N43 as time marches on.

QSL info: 9N38 (JA to JA1NRH)  
(others to W1GAY)  
9N1NFO to W1GAY  
9N1AW to W1GAY  
9N1YOU to K4YT  
9N1VLV to J11NRH  
9N1RFT to JA1NRH  
9N1OAT to W6OAT

SMØDJZ, John, says he and SMØAJU racked up over 10,000 contacts back in November from Tanzania's 5H3BH (who is SMØEAI). They were forced to use low power on 80, as their linear's band-switch didn't work on 3.5. Including 3400 contacts in the CQ WW CW Contest, their 80-10 Meter band totals were 128, 1044, 3265, 2778, and 3249, 60 percent being on CW. QSLs to 5H3BH Nov 23 to Dec 6 go to SMØDJZ, otherwise 5H3BH to the SMØEAI Callbook address.

RANDOM NOTES: those FO8's supposedly talking about a Clipperton operation are more than the rumor category. One W6-type reports he is in regular contact with them regarding the planning, and says the Tahitians are somewhat amused at the continuing mention of the operation in the amateur radio press...If you've never been able to snag Tom Christian, VR6TC, be advised that new Pitcairn ham Kari, VR6KY, listens on 21381 "most days," around 0030-0100 UTC...K1KI's "USSR Tidbits" for oblast hunters claims UK1PGO on Franz Josef Land likes Mondays at 1500Z on 14300, with UK3SAB, as well as Mon, Thurs, and Sat., 1100-1500 on 14180 or 14200, followed by 14030 Thurs at 1500Z...Rick Todd, N8CWX, is headed for Clark AFB Philippines and hopes to be on "by the spring contest season." QSLs to N2BCF for this three-year operation.



# THE DX BULLETIN's All-Purpose DX News Story

## TDXB Interviews (1)

TDXB: Your recent expedition to (2) made many DXers happy to work a new one. What inspired you to go to such a remote spot?

A: I guess if there is one main reason I chose (2), it would be because (3).

TDXB: How did your contacts break down by areas of the world?

A: I worked mostly (4), but we tried to give everyone an equal chance by (5).

TDXB: So just how many contacts did you make?

A: (6).

TDXB: Any transportation problems getting there?

A: None so speak of, except (7).

TDXB: And customs in (2); any hangups there?

A: I'm glad you brought that up. It's a real problem. First, our passports delayed our entry because (8).

TDXB: But you got in OK; how?

A: We told the officials that we were there (9).

TDXB: That's all it took?

A: Not exactly. They wanted me to post bond, too, but all that they required was (10).

TDXB: Did you meet any Local hams?

A: Yes, one of them dropped by, and brought just what we needed, a (11). He also dropped off a Voodoo doll that looked just like (12).

TDXB: How did you find operating conditions and propagation?

A: It was quite a shock to hear (13) coming through on the long path. There was a lot of noise from (14). 20 Meters was our best band, where we (15).

TDXB: Obviously, you weren't glued to the radio all the time...how about tourist conditions there in (2)?

A: Well, as you know, (2) is (16), and we used that to full advantage. We sampled their #1 crop, which is (17), and found it delightful. I'll be doing a complete story about the trip for (18), which will have plenty of photos of (19). Look for it!

TDXB: We sure will. Now that you've experienced the rigors of operating from "the other end," do you have any tips for the little pistols who have trouble getting through?

A: Sure. We found that those who got through soonest (20). And most of the operators who got through also (21).

TDXB: Do you have anything to say to those who didn't get through?

A: (22).

TDXB: Those of us who did pay up, er, I mean, work you, are certainly grateful. Any final words of wisdom?

A: First, I would like to thank (23) for their generous donation of (24). It wouldn't have been possible without them! And for the opportunity to make DXers all over the world (25). I'll be off again to another spot as soon as I (26).

TDXB: Sounds exciting! We will look for you. Here's a dollar. And thank you.

## STORY ANSWERS

- Dick Bash, KL7IHP  
Lenny Mendel, K5OVC  
Vic Clark, W4KFC  
your favorite DXer
- Albania  
Bulgarian West Indies  
Texas  
Falkland Islands
- It has topless beaches  
Almost nobody needs it and I hate to QSL  
Everybody needs it and I charge a dollar  
per QSL
- OPEC nations  
Lists, nets, and YLs  
FOC members  
Six Meters
- Never announcing when we changed bands  
Spending two days CQing on 160 Meters  
Not operating at all
- I don't know: we lost the logs  
Two hundred in eleven DXCC countries, a  
new all-time low for a 2-week operation  
Everybody who donated money ahead of time
- The ox-cart shook our radios to pieces  
The in-flight meal on Malagasy International Airways gave me food poisoning  
We burned a lot of fuel flying a Beech  
Bonanza below the radar
- I just had a sex-change operation  
I'd forgotten my can of Blackface  
My passport had nine stampings back and  
forth from Lima, Peru to Miami
- To do a propagation study  
To distribute contraceptive devices  
With every intention of spending lots  
of money
- My money or my life  
Three rolls of Lifesavers  
Some transparent DXCC stickers  
Two Merle Raggard albums
- small handgun  
Big Mac with fries  
list of local 2-Meter repeaters  
"Tune in the World" kit
- KL7N  
W9WNV  
KF1O  
W3BL
- E.T.  
Mission Control  
W1AW  
Howard Cossell
- Rioting in the streets  
The Woodpecker site three miles away  
Lizards in the bathroom
- Listened 14300-14400 MHz  
Used stacked 6-element beams  
Had prearranged schedules with all our  
back-home club members
- Number 176 on the TDXB Survey list  
Number three in the world for human-  
rights violations  
The world's hashish capital  
Redneck country
- Grits  
Sheepdip  
Ganja
- TDXB  
Playboy  
High Times  
Soldier of Fortune
- Radios  
Topless beaches  
Agricultural techniques  
Pick-up trucks
- Donated money  
Got on a list  
Called us by long-distance  
Were net managers
- Called above 14350  
Never shut up  
Own Eimac stock  
Were novices
- Pay up, cheapskates  
Tough noogies  
Buy Eimac stock  
Honor Roll isn't everything
- ARRL  
NCDXF  
TDXB  
73 Magazine  
QRZ DX
- 1963 ARRL Handbooks  
A hundred QSL cards  
Lots of free publicity  
Ten 80-wpm code tapes  
"Yankee Go Home" bumper stickers
- Miserable  
Ecstatic  
Neurotic  
A dollar poorer
- Get rid of this rash  
Talk to my stock broker  
Run out of the crop samples I took  
Raise bail



BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

AF2ZR 3799 01E 5	FK8EJ 14008 20E 2	UM8QAH 14017 03E 5	3B8DA/
A35JL 3799 07E 4	FK8CR 3799 07E 4	UH8HBI 14036 00E 8	3B9 14212 02E 7
W6KG/	FR7CB 14201 02E 6	UI8LBB 14028 04E 3	3V8AA 28745 15C 1
A4 7003 03E 6	GU3KFT 3797 07E 5	UI8AG 14018 04E 7	4K1A 7005 22E 5
W6KG/	HC8GI 14255 04E 3	UI8ZAA 14231 12E 9	4X4NJ 1849 01E 1
A4 28022 13E 8	HI8XPT 10108 22C 2	IJ8SAD 14238 03E 9	5B4LY 14035 03E 8
A4XYH 21355 18E 9	HK3YH 3507 11E 8	VK6HD 3799 22E 2	5N8ARY 3796 01E 6
A4XJW 14202 14C 10	HK0COP 1833 07E 2	VP8WA 21345 00E 4	5T5TO 3505 06E 2
A71BH 14222 13C 2	HK0COP 28577 19E 2	(Falklands)	5T5TO 14026 04C 6
A92CE 14006 04E 7	HK0COP 3791 04C 3	VP8AOB 14032 02E 4	5Z4DA 14218 13C 1
A92CE 7004 03E 8	HLLAGS 21345 23E 8	(S. Orkneys)	5Z4CQ 7005 03C 8
BV2B 14214 12E 5	HZ1AB 7002 00E 6	VP8APK 14247 22E 7	5Z4CQ 14005 04E 8
BY1PK 21051 01C 30	HZ1AB 7004 04W 6	VP8AQK 21295 00E 9	6W8DY 3790 07E 3
BY8AA 14050 01E 1	H44SH 3808 12E 3	VP8AOB 14030 02E 11	6W8AR 3800 07E 5
BY8AA 14018 02E 4	H44SH 21344 00E 4	VS5MS 21345 23E 6	7P8CL 21024 19E 8
BY8AA 14049 01E 4	JA2EPW 10101 22C 2	VS6CT 14222 14C 2	7P8CL 14024 01E 9
BY1PK 21034 01W 5	JH3BGG 3502 22E 9	VS6DO 3783 12E 3	7X4HM 3795 07E 4
BY1PK 21036 01C 7	JA5CZE 3502 12E 11	VS6KV 14221 12E 5	7X4AN 3504 00E 9
BY1PK 21049 01C 12	JT1AN 14243 02E 6	VS6DO 3798 22E 8	8R1J 21034 19E 4
CE6EAT 3507 00E 6	JX1CY 3800 07E 8	VU2BX 3501 00E 3	9J2LL 14011 22E 2
CE0CEW 14035 02E 4	J28DM 14018 22E 5	XT2AW 21011 19E 8	9K2DA 14225 12E 5
CE0AE 21307 22E 8	J28AZ 14219 04C 7	XT2AW 7014 07E 9	9M8PW 21345 00E 6
CN8CO 3788 07E 3	J5HTL 21345 23E 2	XZ9B 14217 14C 2	9M8PW 21345 23E 7
CN8CO 7077 05C 8	J5HTL 21345 00C 3	YB5AES 3501 23E 4	9N1MM 14236 02E 6
CN8CY 14009 21E 9	J5HTL 21345 23E 6	YI1BGD 14216 14W 1	9V1VP 14025 13E 4
CT2CB 3798 07E 8	J6LB 3776 07E 5	YS9HH 3791 05E 4	9X5BG 14262 05E 7
CT3BM 3790 07E 3	J88AJ 3785 07E 3	ZB2EO 3505 23E 10	
CX8DT 3503 23E 7	M1C 21024 18E 8	ZC4BI 7028 00E 3	
N0Z0/	OH0BH 14220 22E 7	ZC4BI 3503 23E 8	
DU2 21025 00E 11	DF3NZ/	ZD7BW 3501 22E 7	
D44BC 28600 18E 4	ST2 3793 03C 4	ZD8TM 14040 23E 6	
EA8RL 3504 23E 4	SU1EE 7002 04E 1	ZD8TM 14020 00E 6	
EA8QO 3502 00E 9	KA2PFV/	ZD8MF 14210 04C 7	
EA8EY 7006 01E 11	SV9 28555 14C 2	ZK1DA 3790 07E 3	
EA9EU 7004 23E 7	S79MC 21301 18E 7	ZK1CG 21375 00E 3	
EA9EU 7003 22E 9	TL8GE 14216 04E 7	ZL4PO/C 14224 14W 1	
EL2CY 14322 17E 9	TR8JD 28011 15E 2	ZS3GB 21333 22C 8	
FB8XAB 14010 04E 9	TR8IG 3502 22E 7	3A2EE 3792 06E 3	
FB8ZQ 14015 00E 2	TU2JD 14202 09E 2	3A2EE 3798 06E 4	
FB8ZQ 14013 01E 6	UK1PGO 14213 13E 12	3B8CF 7005 02E 7	
FB8ZQ 14012 00E 8	(F.J.L.)	3B8DB 14022 02E 11	
FB8ZQ 14013 01C 8	UH8EAD 14025 04E 4		

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Marsha and Victor (ZK1CG) Rivera  
Rarotonga, Cook Islands  
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# CALENDAR

Beacons On 14.100 NOW; Issues 168, 171, 172  
 10 MHZ Issue 165  
 Crozet FB8WH/WI on; need reports; try French nets  
 Chad Could start any time by American op; I 173  
 Heard HIDXA operation may have sunk; I 173, 174

Heard VKØHI operation coming on any day  
 Rodriguez 3B8DA/3B9 on now through May  
 Kerguelen FB8XAB on 20 Meters NOW  
 Qatar A7 by W6KG/W6QL on NOW  
 Iran EP2TY returned to Iran Jan 15

N Cooks ZK1 by ZL3AHF now to June  
 Monaco PA3BXC/3A now to Mar 1; I 172  
 S Orkneys LU5ZA Jan 15-Feb 16  
 Africa/Aisa K4YT begins about Jan 25; itinerary:  
 YI, AP, VU, 4S7, HS, 9M2, XW, 9V,  
 YB, DU, BY

Contest New ARRL QSO Party, Phone, Jan 22  
 Antarctica LU1ZR, LU1ZB, Jan 26-Feb 9  
 Bahrain A9 by W6KG/W6QL early Feb  
 S Shetlands LU1ZC Feb 6-9  
 Trindade Possible by PY1RR in Feb

S Orkneys LU1ZA Feb 13-16  
 St Vincent J87LTA Feb 19-28  
 Turks VP5XX Feb 28-Mar 9  
 Antigua K4LTA/V2A Mar 1-8  
 St Maarten K3UOC/PJ6 Mar 26-28

St Maarten K3UOC/PJ8 Mar 29-31  
 Hong Kong KL7IHP/VS6 Mar 26-Apr 2; Issue 172  
 Macao Possible by KL7IHP early March

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 W1WY, KØCVD, KM1H, WD5AAM,  
 AA4EH, KA1KD, KM9J, K4BAI,  
 NI4Y, W4VQ, KM1C, N4NO, W3EKN,  
 W4RA, K4KUZ, KA3R, W8DCH,  
 N4ZG, KB8KW, K6IR, WB4TCH,  
 K2OLG, VE1BNN, WB8ZRL, W8UVZ,  
 KD7H, XE1NI, WINH, AB8K

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